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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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EXPOSURE METHOD, MASK

FABRICATION METHOD, FABRICATION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,

AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

## **STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Specifically, please advise us of when an initial Office Action on the merits may be expected from the Patent and Trademark Office. The application has now been pending approximately 20 months without an action on the merits.

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